

Trojan Horse—Kremlin Style

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The Kremlin has a new Trojan horse. Want to know what it is? Don't take my word for it. This comes straight from the one man in Washington who should know, Allen Welsh Dulles, director of Central Intelligence—that super-super-secret organization better known as America's overseas cloak-and-dagger outfit.

This new Kremlin Trojan horse, body built by Moscow, has already shown up in various parts of the world—but not always identified for what it was. Mr. Dulles' public service (unusual, because he seldom operates in public) is in putting his finger on this new Soviet means of sowing international discord, this current Kremlin program of creating crises in various parts of the world.

This Red Trojan horse is actively working to tear down and divide the free world even as leaders of the Soviet Union continue to smile. This Trojan horse is, specifically, Moscow's mounting mountain of obsolescent military equipment—including small arms, thousands of medium and heavy tanks, more thousands of MIG-15 fighter planes, of TU-4 (the B-29 type) long-range piston bombers, of IL-28 light jet bombers.

All these arms, tanks, and planes, a little out of style for modern warfare, are going to be replaced in the next few years. Moscow has new tanks, mass-produced, coming off the assembly lines. It has new long- and medium-range bombers flowing out of the factories day and night. It has between 4,000 and 6,000 MIG-15's ready to unload on countries intent on building up their military strength.

A lot of this surplus, semiobsolete stuff has gone to Red China and Red Indochina—as the free world knows only too well. A lot of it may wind up in the Middle East as Moscow peddles its arms in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, even Israel. That is what all the diplomatic fuss is about as the Secretary of State is closeted with Arab and Israel ambassadors, as Assistant Secretary of State George Allen rushes around the Near East to expose this Trojan horse tactic of the Soviets.

Up until recently both Moscow and Washington were busy supplying their own allies with arms, modernizing their own weapons. Also the Middle East situation was so delicate and explosive that

anything might have touched off an explosion—and so Washington hesitated to provide the spark for the blowup. But Moscow apparently has no such compunctions, and is out to make itself the arsenal for Arab military forces.

The Soviets have already introduced their Trojan horse into Latin America and show no sign of letting up in using it to stir up trouble from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn. It was just a year ago that a shipload of Red arms destined for Guatemala touched off a crisis that uncovered Communist plans to take over the country. That was the first, but Allen Dulles isn't so naïve as to believe it is the last, bid by Moscow to import this new Trojan horse into the Americas.

In Southeast Asia this problem is particularly serious, for its areas are so vast local police controls are not the most effective, and the desire for arms is almost a mania with the people. It has this added ominous characteristic in that part of the world—arms trafficking is directly tied in with opium smuggling. When the Trojan horse bears poppy seed as well as firearms it is at its most dangerous. It couples the armed overthrow of free governments with the moral degradation of free peoples. It exposes the callous amoral aims of communism—to undermine the free world by hook or crook, by arms or opium.

This "unholy alliance between traffickers in arms and opium smugglers"—as Mr. Dulles describes it—is made for disorder. It foments international strife and creates internal feuding. It provides the arms for local wars and poppy seed for domestic decay. It attacks the strength of free peoples from two directions.

Allen Dulles is not a loquacious man, he is not seeking the headlines. But when he says that his agents throughout the world have run down the Kremlin's new Trojan horse, he is not just voicing speculation. They have seen it in action in Guatemala. They see it now working overtime in the Middle East, fooling the Egyptians, Saudi Arabians. They are keeping track of its activities in Southeast Asia, in Indonesia, Indochina, Burma, Slam. It is all too obvious to them what the Soviets today are up to—to provide anyone the arms with which to stir up trouble outside the Iron Curtain, to weaken the free world, divide it—and make it ripe for Communist plucking.